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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9793/105-2
Serial No. 09/423,863	Filing Date February 8, 2000	Examiner Bao Q. Li	Group Art Unit 1648
Inventor(s) Donie, Frederic, et al.			
Title of Invention Method for Detecting of HIV Antibodies and Antigens Used Therein.			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate), Amendment, \$770.00 Check, \$20.00 Check Postcard Receipt.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				

Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=		x \$18=	\$36.00
x 42=		x \$84=	
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Total add'l fee	\$	Total add'l fee	\$36.00

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Checks in the amount of \$770 and \$36 to cover the filing and extra claim fees are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

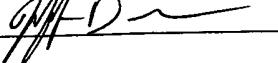
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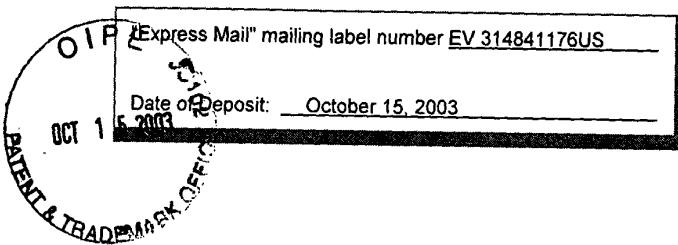

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Li, Bao Q.

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Group Art Unit: 1648

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING OF
HIV ANTIBODIES AND
ANTIGENS USED THEREIN

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Applicant is:

a small entity, verified statement is:
 attached
 already filed
 other than small entity

The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:

Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.

Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

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A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submissions are filed herewith:

An Information Disclosure Statement

An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability

Other:

A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$36.00 to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.

Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 15, 2003



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